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PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION

Aloha PUC Members:

So many decisions that affect the social and environmental well-being of Hawai'i are made based on projected short-term economic gain. Those with decision-making powers do not take a seven generation* perspective. I urge the PUC to do so.

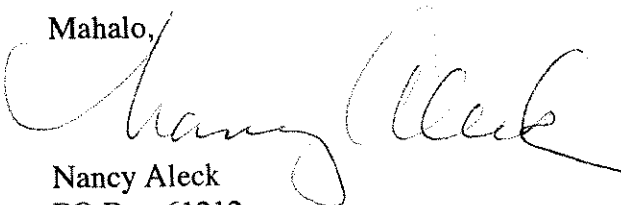
I humbly ask the PUC to block the sale of Verizon, Hawai'i to the Carlyle Group. Here are two of my reasons for asking this.

1. Carlyle is NOT a telephone company. Carlyle is not a company that knows how to provide ANY service to a community or to be a decent employer to a sizeable workforce. Carlyle is simply a group that buys low and sells high. Its chief purpose is to make a profit.
2. Carlyle is politically highly charged. It is in the "plutonium" realm of companies like Haliburton and Enron. High level international political figures, many with questionable agendas, serve on the Board. Bush and Bin Laden are names that immediately come to mind. While this in itself is enough for me to recommend a strong 'a'ole, I can't help but extrapolate that the very circles that have crafted the "patriot" acts—allowing our right to privacy and other civil liberties to be eroded—will have control of our primary communication system!

Should Carlyle prevail, I will seriously consider giving up my telephone and will support community organizing to encourage others to follow suit.

Please do not support the sale of Verizon to Carlyle.

Mahalo,



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* Wisdom from the Iroquois nation: consider the impact of each act on the net seven generations.